

Paved With Good Resolutions.

The Neglected Home.

Every head of a home knows that now is the time for housecleaning, and that one day's work now is more effective than a week of work later. How about the refrigerator, the screens for doors and windows, the furniture covering, the precautions that prevent loss by moth or irritation by night. The home needs to be guarded with more than good resolutions.



The Palais Royal Prices.

Ice Safes for \$2.98.

Refrigerators, \$4.98.

The Palais Royal's regular prices are as little as the special sale prices of department stores and much less than at the specialty stores. More important—the Palais Royal is the safest possible shopping place, where unreliable goods are unknown.

10c Ammonia, large bottles, 7c
50c Platts Chlorides, 39c
5c Tar Camphor Balls, 3 lbs., 10c
10c Camphorated Flake, 9c
10c Lavender Camphor, 9c
Manahan's Moth Balls, 45c
Manahan's Moth Sheets, 5c
10c Peterman Roach Food, 9c
10c Black Flag Insect Powder, 9c
5c Red Seal Lye, 4c
1c 25 Step Ladder Chairs, 8c
7c Ladders, 5-foot, for, 48c
9c Dust Pans, strong, 5c
25c Floor Broom, best quality, 15c

22c Mop Handle and Mop, 15c
10c Dust Brush, good quality, 12c
8c Scrub Brush, solid back, 5c
98c Floor Brush, good quality, 74c
25c Stair Brooms, extra quality, 19c
15c Stove Brush, with duster, 10c
25c Whitewash Brushes, 19c
7c Paint Brushes, all sizes, 4c
12c Ready-mixed Paints, all colors, 9c
15c Bissell Carpet Sweepers, \$1.19
19c Scrubbing Pails, galvanized, 12c
50c Garbage Pails, with cover, 29c

Clothes Wringers, family size, with best rubber rollers, \$1.25
Kitchen Tables, with hardwood legs and finished top, \$1.39
Chamber Pails, with cover, japanned in assorted colors, 14c
Feather Dusters, first quality, 9c
Oval Wash Bowls, with cover and heavy copper bottom, with cable hoops, 69c
Double Gas Stoves, two double burners, \$1 value, 79c
Cedar Pails, first quality, with cable hoops, 19c
Family Wash Tubs, painted inside and out, 49c

Screen Doors With Fixtures, 69c.

Adjustable Window Screens, 10c

The Palais Royal is prepared to measure, make and fit attractive Stripe Covers for 5-piece suite of furniture, and charge only \$6.98. Only 49c for measuring, making and fitting best Opaque Window Shades. Only \$2.75 for Outside Window Awnings; the newly effective, self-adjusting kind. Take elevator to fourth floor, or telephone No. 4340, and a man will promptly respond.

70c for \$1.25 Curtains.

10c for Summer Pictures.

The curtains are of dotted muslin, with hemstitched ruffles. Note that the hemstitched curtains are generally retailing at \$1.25 pair. The pictures for the summer home are reproductions of masterpieces, in white enamel frames, 8x12 inches. Choice of 25 interesting subjects.

Water Sets, Seven Pieces, for 29c.

Pitcher, Six Glasses and Fancy Tray, 29c

Punch Bowl, crystal glass, new cut pattern, 12-inch, worth 39c, 7c
Fruit Sauces, new shape cut glass pattern, Each, 2c
Table Tumblers, assorted patterns, usually 39c, dozen, Each, 1 1/2c

10c
Fruit Sets, large bowl and 6 glasses, cut glass effect. Seven pieces for only 10c.

Easter Vases, 16 inches high, look like cut glass, 9c
Butter Dishes, with cover, new pattern, expense looking, 9c
Ice Tea Glasses, first quality, nicely finished, usually 89c, dozen, Each, 5c



Newest Coats at \$5.98 and \$8.98.

Correct Hats at \$2.50.

Umbrella-Parasol, \$1.88.

The coat to wear cool evenings now, at seashore and mountain later, and again on returning home. Newest styles of tan and black covert and cheviot. Usual \$7.50 coats for \$5.98 and \$10 coats for \$8.98. One of the \$2.50 hats is pictured—many others are here. The sun-rain umbrella- parasol is of silk, in past colors, costing only \$1.88.

Silk Suits at \$11.98, \$15 and \$20.

The Usual \$15 to \$22.50 Suits.

The newly correct tucked and pleated Taffeta Silk Suits; plain colors, glaze effects, stripes, checks and figures. Not only are prices least at the Palais Royal—quantities and variety are greatest. A correct style is assured the tall and short, the slim and full form.

The "Ideal" Belt is Here at 48c Instead of \$1.

The season opened with a little army of belts seeking Dame Fashion's favor. The "Ideal" has been selected and pronounced the summer girl's correct belt. It is a crush girde effect, with feather-bone supports, clinging to the form like one's skin, reducing the apparent size of the waist. Made of Peau de Cygne, in pinks, blues, lavenders, navy, browns, black and white. All sizes here in all colors. 48c instead of \$1. Another triumph for a "cash business."

Best of 50c Undergarments for 39c.

More Expensive Garments Reduced Proportionately.

Gowns, skirts, drawers, corset covers and chemises, lace, embroidery and ribbon trimmed. The annual sale of D. E. Sichter's and Siegel Brothers' surplus productions. 39c instead of 50c—on third floor tables. First floor for 39c garments at 25c. \$1 garments at 69c and \$1.50 to \$2 garments at 98c.

10c for 25c Vests and Hose.

Glove-fitting Swiss Ribbed Vests, with high and low necks, long and no sleeves, 25c kinds for 19c. Note that the cheaper vests are here at only 10c. The Hose at 19c instead of 25c are fast black, Maco yarn, with white soles, and lisle thread, in plain and lace effects.



Children's \$5 Dresses and Coats at \$3.98.

The opportunity will pass long before Easter Sunday—there are but 144 of the Dresses and but 60 of the Coats. Mothers with children from 4 to 14 years are promised the best of bargains, and regular patrons are particularly urged not to allow the chance to slip by.

\$2.25 for \$3 Folding Go-Carts.

49c for Little Children's White Dresses.

The carts have rubber tires and fold in very small compass; made for the family living in "a flat." The Dresses at 49c are little beauties, lace and embroidery trimmed, long-waisted and Russian effects, for children from 2 to 5 years of age.

PALAIS ROYAL,

A. Lisner.

G & 11th Streets.

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"Two," was his answer.

Witness repeated that he did not see the men handle the "bones." That affair did not interest him, he said, for he was to go over and look at it. Witness retired shortly afterward and could not say that the men engaged in a game. Witness was asked to state the exact language used by Walsh the morning after he had seen the "bones," and he said Walsh had told him that he had either "won" or "trimmed" young fellow of \$72 or \$73.

There were four men in the room the night he saw the bones. Witness said he did not hear the conversation between the men in the dormitory.

"I didn't want to see if there was a game there that night," he admitted.

Witness was asked if he was not charged with the duty of arresting and prosecuting persons who play craps, but he made no response.

On cross-examination witness said that "bones" are frequently taken from prisoners, and it is not an unusual thing to see them about the station. He said he had never seen any gambling done in the station.

Witness said he had never heard of a conversation between them, said Short, "I don't know what it was to hear it to positively."

All witness knew about the money was what Walsh had told him.

Questioned by Mr. Mattingly, witness admitted that he had had a conversation with Policemen Hoffman and Laiegar, and that the latter that he (witness) would tell the truth if called as a witness. Witness said he had told the lieutenant of a money transaction there. He denied that he had told anybody that he had seen a craps game in the station.

Policeman John Kuster testified that he knew nothing of a craps game having been played in the dormitory of the station. He said he did not see the "bones" on the bed.

"Did you ever hear of a craps game being played in the station?"

"Not until there was such a stir made about it."

Witness said the first he knew or heard of the affair was two or three days before the publication of the article in The Star. Kuster was on the stand when The Star's report closed.

The Main Penalty.—Mr. Jackson—"Sam Shirkbone done not thirty days in jail for stealing chickens." Mr. Johnson—"Gee! Dat's a long time to go without chicken!" Puck.

LOCAL PRESBYTERY

Called to Order This Morning by Moderator.

The Washington Presbytery was called to order at 10:30 o'clock this morning by Rev. Albert Evans, the moderator, at Westminster Church, 7th and E streets southwest, and routine matters were considered. Announcement was made of the chairman of the various committees. They are: Resolutions, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe; Rev. Thomas C. Easton; Rev. W. C. Alexander; Elders D. McFarlan and R. L. Ewing; Judicial, Rev. Joseph Kelly; Rev. Charles B. Ramsdell; Rev. Teunis S. Hamlin; F. H. Smith and C. H. Merwin; leave of absence, Rev. J. P. Verbruyck and Elder N. Wescott; minutes of synod, Rev. Donald C. McLean and Elder C. H. Carrington; place of next meeting, Rev. S. Ward Richter; seasonal record, general chairman, Rev. E. Lawrence Hunt.

The report of the Ladies' Home Mission Society was read and ordered acknowledged. The following ministers were granted permission to labor outside of the bounds of the presbytery: Dr. Asa F. Fiske, Rev. James M. Norriss, Rev. H. H. Allen, Rev. Mr. Deor, recently dismissed from his pastoral relation with Takoma Park, to take effect June 15.

The pulpit until the fall meeting of the presbytery. The call was read for the pastoral services of Dr. J. L. Allison to Gunton Temple Memorial Church, Takoma Park.

The overture recently made to create two separate presbyteries for the white and colored ministers came up for discussion and several speakers declared in favor of the plan. Rev. John Gordon, president of Howard University; Justice Harlan and Rev. Mr. Grimes.

The presbytery, after a brief devotional service, took a recess at 1 o'clock and returned to the Sunday school auditorium, where a report was received by the ladies of the church. The session reconvened at 2 o'clock and election of delegates to the general assembly was under consideration when this report closed.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING FUND.

Money Coming in to a Gratifying Extent.

With only nineteen days remaining in which to raise more than \$50,000 in order that the offer of Messrs. Woodward & Lothrop of \$25,000 toward the building and furnishing fund of the Young Men's Christian Association may become available, persistent efforts are being put forth on the part of those upon whom the task of raising this money devolves, and their efforts are beginning to show results.

Justice Thomas H. Anderson, chairman of the citizens' committee of one hundred, has turned over to the officials at headquarters a contribution of \$1,000 given by one man. This is a large contribution and has been given in the present campaign, except that of Messrs. Woodward and Lothrop. At this time the name of the donor will not be announced.

Besides the \$1,000 sent to Justice Anderson, several hundred dollars was secured from other sources yesterday, and contributions are coming in today in encouraging sums. When the committee started out this morning there remained to be raised exactly \$13,465, there having been secured \$33,535.

The ladies of the women to compose the executive committee of the woman's organization for the furnishing of rooms in the building have been announced. It consists of Mrs. Cortelyou, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. Higginson, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Reymann, Mrs. Moran, Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Macfarlan.

Team J. has entered the list of young men's 100,000 clubs that have secured contributions. Team I alone remains with no subscriptions sent in. Team A has secured \$80; Team B \$100; Team C \$25; Team D, \$120; Team E, \$45; Team F, \$82; Team G, \$120; Team H, \$70; Team J, \$72.

J. F. BROWN DEAD.

Former Prominent Figure in Local Municipal Affairs.

Joseph F. Brown, at one time a prominent figure in municipal affairs in Washington, and a resident of Indianapolis for the past twenty-five years, died in the latter city yesterday in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was an intimate friend of President Lincoln, and saw the latter assassinated.

Judge Brown was born in Clermont county, Ohio, in 1828, and after graduating at Hanover College came to Washington as a clerk in the House of Representatives. He was appointed by President Lincoln president of the Metropolitan police board of the District of Columbia, and was afterward president of the local board of aldermen.

Mr. Brown, with the late William H. English, organized the Washington Gas-Light Company and was for several years the secretary of the company. Mr. Brown was a member of the board of directors of the Ford's Theater when President Lincoln was assassinated and assisted in carrying the wounded chief executive from the theater to the house across the street where he died.

AWAIT PRESIDENT'S RETURN.

Text of Castro's Reply Regarding Proposed Arbitration Received.

The incoming South American mail, received this morning at the State Department, brought from Minister Bowen, at Caracas, the text of President Castro's reply to the minister's proposition to submit to arbitration the issues between the United States and Venezuela.

The matter is now regarded as urgent, and it is stated, that unless the situation is further complicated by some unexpected development in Venezuela the note will be allowed to await the consideration of the cabinet when it meets again at the close of the President's western trip. Meanwhile the officials of the State Department positively decline to make public the text of the correspondence between Minister Bowen and President Castro or to express the opinion as to the character of the language employed by Castro.

CHILD ESCAPED DEATH.

Struck Twice by Pilot of Engine—Severely Bruised.

LARAMIE, Wyo., April 11.—A little girl named O'Connor has had a remarkable escape from death beneath the wheels of a locomotive. The child, with two others, was crossing the Union Pacific tracks on her way to school. Her companions passed in front of an approaching freight train and called to her to follow. She hesitated, and then, when the train was barely ten feet away, made the dash.

Directly in the center of the track her feet slipped and she fell on her hands and knees. The pilot of the locomotive struck her and threw her into the air, where she turned a complete somersault and again fell on the track. The engineer meanwhile had reversed, and the locomotive stopped with the pilot over the child's body. Had the engine gone another foot she would have been crushed to death. She was found to be severely bruised.

A Conference Wednesday.

The executive committee of the isthmian canal commission, consisting of Chairman Shonts, Gov. Magoon and Chief Engineer Wallace, will confer with Secretary Taft tomorrow in regard to the questions raised by Mr. Elihu's preliminary report, as well as other features of the organization, including the arrangements for the official force in Washington and Panama; the connection of the bureau of Insular Affairs with the canal work; the policy regarding the Panama railroad; the advisability of constructing a double track between the isthmian canal and the supplies and other administrative questions.

Secretary Taft has been advised that Great Britain and Germany will each designate an engineer to act as a member of the advisory board of engineers for the isthmian canal. The committee expected also that France will accept the invitation to make a similar designation.

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